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Daily Biblical Quotation

September 23.
Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths—Ps. xvi.
When we cannot see our way,
Let us trust and still obey,
For who holds us forward go,
Cannot fail the way to show,
Though the way be deep and wide,
Though a voice seem to guide,
Fearless let us still proceed,
Since the Lord vouchsafes to lead.
—Anon.

THE COUNTY EXCISE BOARD.

It is highly gratifying that the county excise board has at last reached an amicable agreement with the city officials. For this consummation after much travail, the public of the county, as we understand it, has to thank County Clerk Lawson, for moving a recommendation of the previous question, and County Treasurer Dickey for taking the lead in moving for the increased levy.

There was evidenced common sense and dispassionate reason for which the public should be duly grateful. Such broad-mindedness is gratifying.

The record made by the excise board during the past week should convince everyone of the impracticability of having a board of county officials acting as the guardian of the city government. To elect a body of men to administer the affairs of the city and then countenance a law which enables a few county officials to make the administration of the city officials a complete failure, is not local self-government at all.

The record shows that the county budget was adopted practically as presented; that such changes as were made were secured by a suggestion to the interested department head that he or she make another honest effort to reduce the figures offered. Yet when it came to the city budget there was a wild, prejudiced, unreasoning slashing without consulting at all with the official or officials having in charge that particular branch of government.

The question naturally arises, who is best qualified to judge the requirements of the police department, Mr. Commissioner Adkinson or Mr. County Attorney Seaver? Adkinson is charged by the law he serves to administer the police department; Seaver by the law he serves to administer the laws of the county. Yet Seaver has the assurance to tell Adkinson that he, Seaver, could take some one member of the police department and a half-dozen men and enforce the law better than Adkinson has.

It is difficult to discuss patiently such absurd egotism. One is tempted to ask Mr. County Attorney Seaver to show his reputation as a county law enforcer. The World has been literally bombarded with complaints of law violations throughout the county—places directly and strictly under the jurisdiction of the county attorney. It rarely receives complaint of an illicit or illegal place of business within the jurisdiction of the police department. The mere fact that road houses are flourishing outside the city is the best possible evidence that there is no comfort for such within the city. The county attorney should put his own home in order before he criticizes the police department.

Perhaps the city budget should have been cut, but in common sense and decency the fact should have been ascertained by reason and not by prejudice. The public is rather thoroughly alive to the fact that the county attorney from the very first has evinced a much more zealous desire to discredit the city administration and the police department than he has to enforce impartially the laws of the state.

Petty jealousies and intrigues are at the bottom of the difficulty. The excise board should have asked the city officials to revise their estimates and bring them down to the lowest possible point consistent with the general need of economy and the conservative interests of the city. Then it should have granted the budget as presented. Because the responsibility rests with the city officials to both raise and spend the money.

Such responsibility does not rest with the county officials—further than to be intelligently guided by the requests and presentations of the city officials. If there are interested private cabals behind this matter, then such cabals should have been asked to step out into the open, make their presentation before the board and permit the board as a whole to intelligently and in the open decide the matter by recorded vote. For any member of the excise board to permit himself to be made a cat's paw of the interest of a faction means bad government as well as the poorest kind of politics.

Gentlemen, in the interest of fairness and good government, let us have a most decided change in the attitude of county officials. This petty bickering is becoming disgusting to the citizenship. Do not make the mistake of believing that you can heroize yourself before the people by playing a dog-in-the-manger role. Remember that the city officials are much more apt to be right within their own zone than you are when you assume to invade that zone. No man can make an acceptable public

official who permits himself to be controlled in the slightest by personal prejudices.

The greatest governmental project in Tulsa county is the municipality of Tulsa. Likewise it is the most influential political factor in the county. It will be well enough to remember this.

THE SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL.

While The World felt constrained to oppose the proposition put forth for extensive and costly hospitalization for ex-soldiers at the expense of the state, now that the appropriation has been made and the hospital is to be erected, it commends fully the action of the Tulsa legion post and the various civil organizations in seeking the acceptance of Charles Page's offer of land for the location of the institution at Sand Springs.

The location of this land is not ideal for the purpose, but the offer in full constitutes a request that it will be very difficult for the local board to disregard, especially when it takes into consideration other very substantial and vital facts.

For instance, if the statistics prepared by the local legion are to be relied on, a vast majority of Oklahoma's contribution in men to the late army came from the vicinity of Tulsa, while a majority of potential hospital patients to be served by the institution are to be found within a comparatively small radius surrounding.

It is also pointed out that Tulsa contributed a like proportion of the war funds from the state and that an actual majority of the taxes collected by the state of Oklahoma are paid by Tulsa interests. Yet in the face of this condition Tulsa has never directly or indirectly received the slightest consideration at the hands of the state government in the matter of state institutions.

Thus, it appears, an unanswerable case has been made for presentation to the board which has the privilege of locating the new soldiers' hospital. The World makes no pretense of knowing how the membership of that board stands, but it is inconceivable that there can be truth in the charge that two of its members committed themselves to Oklahoma City in advance of their appointment. Only the event itself can convince The World that this charge is anything more than scandal.

It is quite probable that the effort was made to commit the gentlemen, because it seems to be the way of the ruling oligarchy in Oklahoma City to claim for that community as its inherent right every appropriation and every state institution. It is no secret that the remainder of the state is becoming restless under such a practice already continued far beyond modesty or equity.

The World feels convinced that Tulsa's member of the hospital board, Mr. Horace Hagans, can be depended on to stand loyally for Tulsa in this matter if the brief placed in his hands is as defensible as it appears to be. If all things else are equal, we predict that that gentleman will, when the time arrives, be found acting as a loyal son of Tulsa.

If, as is reported, the board's discretion is limited to those towns possessing a sufficient number of physicians, surgeons and nurses to adequately take care of such an institution, then not more than three or four cities in the state are eligible; and in this respect Tulsa finds herself with but one competitor.

We feel that Tulsa has every reason to congratulate itself on the personnel of the hospital board and may consider the contest more than half won. Because from every standpoint the community is entitled to the hospital.

The Shawnee convention of the Oklahoma Federation of Labor attempted to regulate the world but failed. Resolutions were in most instances defeated. The attempt was made to reprimand Harding, reprimand the Ku-Klux Klan and commit the federation to sundry things. It was a failure. Eventually, possibly, the federation will become amenable to reason and practical common sense. But first of all it must slough its class consciousness. Any man or organization that preaches class in America is an enemy of American institutions. There are no exceptions.

Once again the Confederate brethren and sisters have highly resolved to purge libraries and schools of "unfair" histories. Final action will be withheld until the G. A. R. has been heard from. In the meantime our advice to the younger generation is to read all histories and then draw your own conclusions. Nothing is so dangerous as a "hand-me-down" political or historical opinion.

The esteemed Lawton News reprints The World's editorial proposing core for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. Indorses it but still wonders why it was written. Some of the brethren are so suspicious that they would refuse a brand new dollar bill because of fear that it might be a counterfeit.

But is the advertising good or bad for Arbuckle's coffee?

Just Folks

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THE SILENT VOICE.

The voice is mute; the singer is forgot;
The curtain falls, the actor's art has fled,
In memory survive these glorious dead
Where all they did to comfort men cannot.

The soldier falls, but still above his grave
The stately banner flies for men to see,
A shining symbol of man's liberty,
That flag is ours because the lad was brave.

Each leaves his symbol when his work is done,
Some marked by steel and some by finished stone;
By something real the worth of man is known,
To win the praise of those who follow on.

But when the voice of sweetness fades away
Men may remember, for a little while,
The songs which set their spirits all a-smile,
But music passes with its house of clay.

Sometimes we are prone to think that city farmers are an abomination in the sight of the Lord. It is still a good rule for the shoemaker to stick to his last.

General Pershing was given a tremendous ovation on his return to France. France plays the diplomatic game in her own way, but she plays it at all times.

Now that it has been demonstrated that a city official can be arrested and fined like ordinary mortals (in this prosecution move forward a few steps).

Oklahoma Outbursts

BY GLEN LINDEN.

The Arkansas Gazette reads in the news dispatches that Los Angeles is full of bad actors.

No matter how Fatty Arbuckle comes out of his trouble, his grin is going to be twisted all out of shape.

Clothes make the man, we have been told, but here in Tulsa some people have an idea that water makes a man.

We also note that there are a lot of witnesses who know something about the Arbuckle case who were not invited to the party.

Wonder if the Creator of the Universe had anything special in mind when He deposited that mountain of natural soap in Arkansas?

The excise board seems to be trying to emulate the small boy with a jack knife. Cutting and slashing without rhyme or reason.

The uniform success of county and township fairs this year don't look very much like the farmers' sales feeling so dabbled discouraged.

The Ada News, commenting on advice given girls by Miss Alice Robertson, says girls will worry anyway when the right man comes along. And some of 'em won't stop to consider whether it is the right man or not.

Here are some of the signs hanging up at the Tulsa state fair in the great and enlightened state of Kansas: "Eugenics," "Get a Milkshak," "Sundaebar," "Concessions," "Tepala," and "Pare Heer."

Just about the time we get ready to experiment with home brew along comes somebody in Washington and renders another decision which says it "ain't lawful." Wish these government decisions would get together and standardize their decisions.

Barometer of Public Opinion

A Visitor Says.

Editor World: I am a resident of the north-west and much interested in articles in your paper concerning the Ku-Klux Klan.

"The national and state constitutions provide, 'We the people,' etc."

We elect officers to execute the laws, then leave them without support. Imagine a business with no moral support from its employees, hit and miss method.

The criminal element, constantly on the alert, like the third house in Washington, seldom fails for aid and under cover blocks the execution of the law.

How long, before we wake up to the realization that "we the people," means active moral support to the local government?

Seems ridiculous that such an organization as the K. should be allowed to "take the law by the horns," because of our indifference.

FRANK W. RIGGOLD,
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 16.

"Spurious Versnuki."

Editor World: Well, that's the order. What are you about it? The order does not apply to some foreign enemy but to the men that made this country what it is, or was a few months ago. It applies to the men who gave proportion for every call during the war than any set of men in America, to the men who came to this country to live and who built their homes here and where by hard work and good management had reached a stage of comparative independence when the order came.

Think of it, 15,000,000 barrels of crude oil a month is being imported from Mexico without the payment of one cent to this country. It is being put in storage for about 65 cents per barrel, while it costs about \$1 per barrel to produce in the Mid-Continent.

American consumers of oil products are using about what America produces and are paying almost as much for it as they did when oil was sold for 10 cents per barrel. So the consumers of this cheap oil are not getting the advantage of this cheap oil in any way. Well, who is getting the benefit? I'll tell you who, although if you are in the oil business you know it. The producers of oil, or six combinations of capital, headed by the Standard bunch that is getting it.

The independent oil producer operates at a loss in almost every instance in the Mid-Continent field. He can't keep this up, and as the unexpected market comes down with him, leaving a trace in obedience to the order of the Imperial German government, so will the independent oil producer sink if the government, or the producers of oil, but to every kind of industry in the oil country.

This is not a matter that affects one kind of an enterprise, but whole states, whole counties, whole towns and cities. It is not the result of the general depression but is the result of a ruthless war on the independent producers and refiners by the importation of Mexican crude. Its effect is much like cutting off the water in an irrigated country.

There is one and only one way to avoid bankruptcy, that is to place a tariff of at least 10 cents on all oil brought into this country. The Senate Finance Committee is now considering this measure. What are you going to do about it?

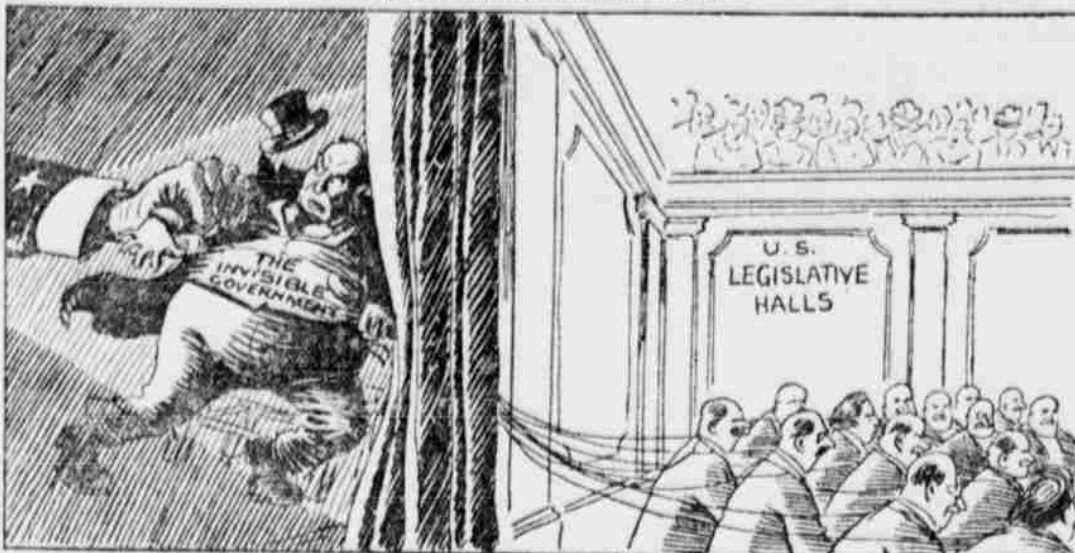
Sometimes in times like this, the integrity of the men in charge can be depended on to take care for the interest of those not represented. The independent producer now has not the comfort, the personnel of the Mexican junket is too well known to be trusted for one minute by the producers of this field and the history of one of the principle members of that party is such as to make every honest man afraid of him.

It did not take the president of Mexico long to tell these same junketers where to head him. He told them that a tariff of 25 cents per barrel, so Mexico is getting that 25 cents. If the independent producers are as firm as Obregon, they will get what they ask, for their power is greater than his. If they lay down now they deserve just what they will get. This is not a hopeless cause, you have a good fighting chance. Wake up and save your back is junk; before the rats and hares are all occupied by your office buildings; before you reach the point where you can't pay taxes on your home.

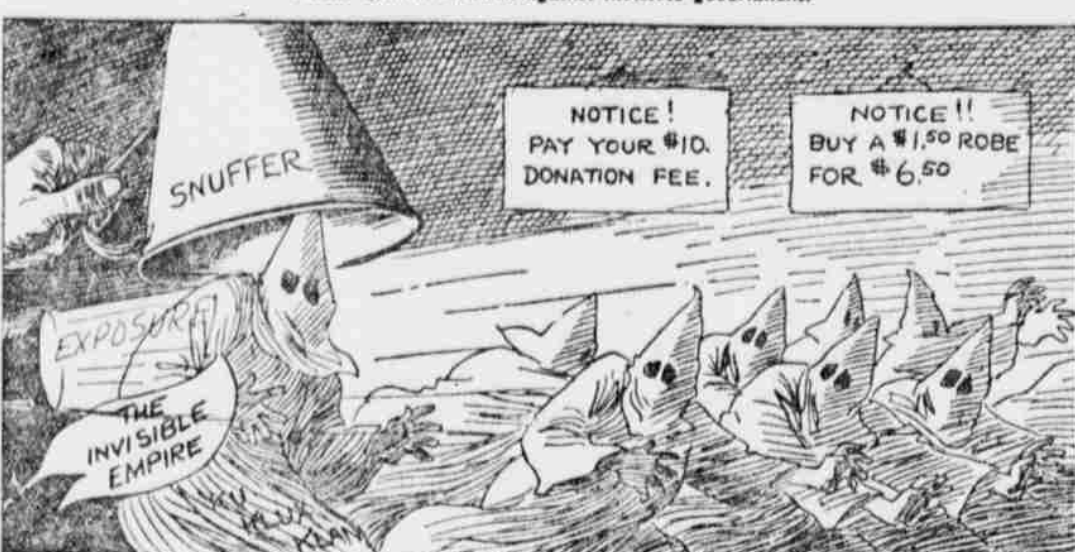
FRED B. WOODARD,
Dewey, Okla., Sept. 18.

NOT POPULAR IN AMERICA

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Public opinion rebelled against invisible government.



Public opinion rebels against an invisible empire.

Kind Husbands

By NORA COLE SKINNER.

Husbands shive strange ideas of kindness toward their wives. The form in which it manifests itself most is keeping them in ignorance of all business affairs.

They seem to think wives have enough worries and enough to do without making them also understand the business that brings in their bread and butter.

That is the blinding kind husband's attitude, while most of the other husbands take the position that wives haven't enough sense to understand their business problems or successes, enemies, who can't carry when they are around.

The wife lives on in ignorance, and possibly in luxury and happiness, but if she has to keep living on after the husband's death—where is the kindness?

Surely life is dark enough when death comes and takes away the head of the house, but the midnight is increased in darkness when the wife realizes she herself is now the head, when the home depends upon her business sense, and when the husband is turned over to her who is deaf, dumb and blind, regarding it.

That is a tragedy—and going on around us every day. It is a tragedy that need not be. Husbands and fathers have no reason to believe they will be the last of their family to go. The wealthy may provide in will and bequests and feel their own protected, and yet if a woman has not been taught how to manage money wisely she is not much better off than one who is left with nothing.

But the majority of men do not leave fortunes. All of them do leave, however, a vacancy—be that owner of a business, R. P. D. carrier, or clerk in a store. Somewhere he has been filling a need and making a living.

In at least 25 per cent of the places if the wife knew the business, the ups and downs, the debts, the credits, the business friends and the business enemies, she could carry on almost as well as he had done.

There are cases on record where men literally trained their wives to go right ahead with an enterprise they had started and would not leave a living.

The seven seas are strewn with the wrecks of fleets that have fought to adjust the situation growing out of such vagueness.

If once we let the non-English speaking people in this world come to think that the English speaking people have a general unspoken understanding which includes only the people who speak English and is deliberately exclusive of the people who do not speak English, we then have the world split at once into two camps, of which we speak English will have the smaller one and of which the other, larger, one will be filled with a perfectly justified suspicion of the vagueness of our intentions.

We may have occasion now to be deeply grateful to the specifying, detailing, exacting quality of Mr. Hughes' mind. We want definitions of certain things Mr. Hughes ought to shine at getting definitions.

The last world war was preceded by the forming of two groups of nations. Mr. Harding and Mr. Hughes have invited to this conference all of the nations (except Russia) that are importantly involved in the affairs of the area, which threatens to produce the next world war.

If now Mr. Hughes, with all his edge of mind and with all his new happiness of manner, can succeed in preventing those nations from falling into groups and can succeed in preventing them from falling into loose understandings, and can succeed in bringing them at Washington to an agreement on just a few actually definite definitions of the rules of conduct which they will faithfully follow in a fair, friendly development of the resources of the far east, he will have done more to prevent the next world war than any European statesman ever did to prevent the last one.

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The Horoscope

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Friday, September 23, 1921.

According to astrology, this is an uncertain day for while Neptune is in benefic aspect, Uranus is struggling against adversity.

With the entry of the sun into the sign of Libra today (Friday) is in the second house and the moon on the cusp of the sixth while Mars Jovian and Saturn are in the eighth house in Virgo.

Saturn in conjunction with Jupiter denotes much unrest among the people and events of greatest importance for the United States.

Waste of public money will be discouraged despite all efforts toward thrift in government affairs, says seers prophecy.

Mars is in a place that threatens railroad strikes and even riots.

Venus is in a place that indicates a mild autumn with recurring days like midsummer.

Despite warnings to conserve capital there will be a great outlay for amusements and theaters will benefit.

There is a sign read as promising the death of a famous woman before the winter has passed.

The sun is read as indicating favorable conditions for the advance of religion and philosophy.

Again the seers remind the people that the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn presage "great and important changes affecting the world generally." This may be favorable to disarmament, but is not so interpreted.

The effects of the conjunction which took place September 19, do not mature at once, as has been emphasized, but remain in force for several years. As the conjunction rose in Constantinople, the dismemberment of the Turkish empire is confidently predicted by astrologers.

Violent earthquakes are persistently proclaimed by astrologers. Persons whose birthdate it is should not travel or make any radical change in the coming year.

Children born on this day may be restless and discontented. These subjects of Libra are often inclined to be critical and sarcastic, but they are generally exceedingly bright.

Benny's Notebook

I was eating jelly beans on my front steps. I was just eating the front steps. I was just eating the front steps. I was just eating the front steps.

Nothing, now. I said, "Wish I weren't, and Reddy said, 'Aw, you know fish, for a pint of shrimp. Don't look at me in that tone of voice, you French fried onion, I said."

Being a pure insult, and he kept on going past, and Patsy Simkins' head came out, and Perry started to come up the street, me thinking, Heck, I ain't going to stand for any insult like that, in going to insult Perry for revenge.

Which I started to do as soon as he came up, saying Hello Perry, you're looking more like a dry prune than ever.

You must be thinking of yourself, ain't you? said Perry.

Being a heck of a kind of a snafu, was a person ain't expecting it, and I said, Aw, wats you giving me, you poor simp of a shrimp. Don't look at me in that tone of voice, you French fried onion, I said.

Who do you mean, yourself? said Perry. Me thinking, Gosh, some people don't even know how to take a insult, I said.

Who do you think you're talking to, you're so dum you don't know whether you're coming or going or falling over backwards.

Who don't? You? said Perry.

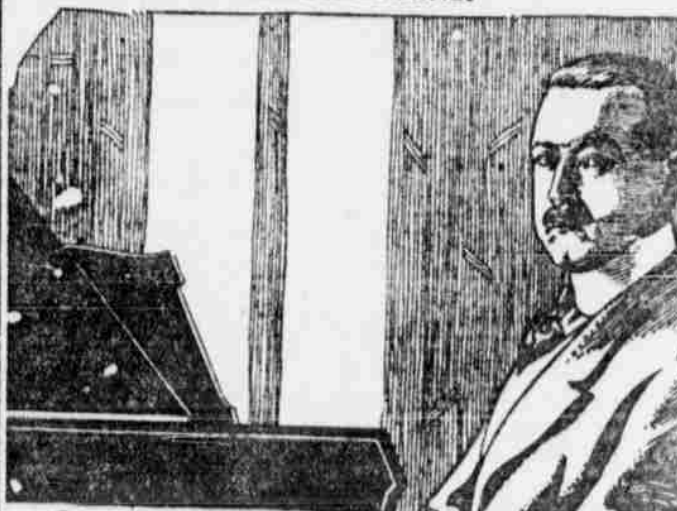
Aw shut up, is that all you can think of to say, you ignorant munky fat imitation of a cheese sandwich, I said.

O, is that wat you are? said Perry. And he quick walked away with a independent expression while I was trying to think how to insult him next, and I kept on setting there feeling worse instead of better.

Cure Is a Fake.

We doubt the rumor that nice women in England have been cured of smoking because the common people have taken it up. That never cured the men—Columbia (S. C.) State.

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